



# Electricity Oversight Board

*Daily Report for Monday, May 19, 2003*

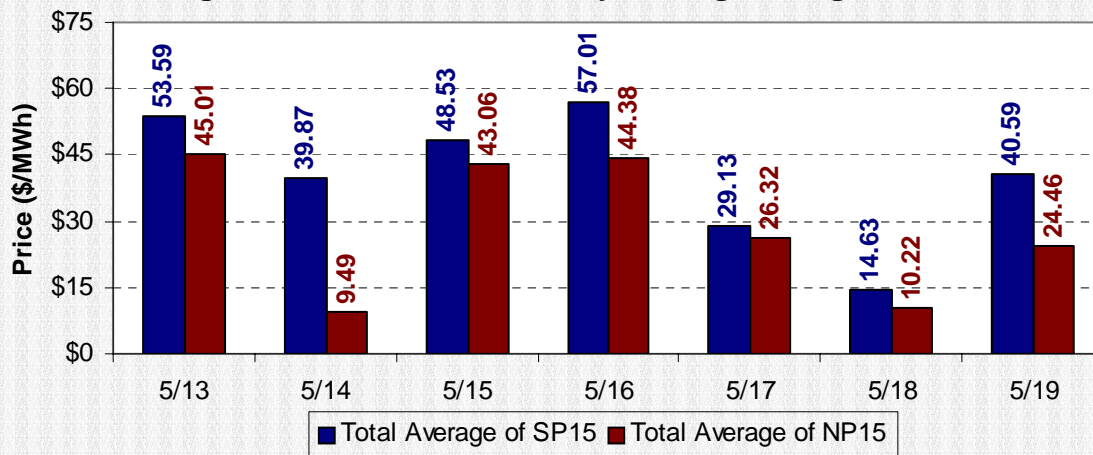
On Monday, the average zonal price was up sharply for SP15 at \$40.59/MWh from Sunday's \$14.63/MWh, while the NP15 at \$24.46/MWh increased from Sunday's \$10.22/MWh. The CAISO requested decremental energy bids in the amount of 400 MW to address a potential over-generation condition for early morning hours between 2 a.m. and 7 a.m. Despite lower hourly zonal prices during early morning off-peak hours, the sharp increase in the average zonal price can be attributed to:

- Return to weekday higher loads.
- Continued warm weather conditions in California contributed to increased demand.
- Higher natural gas prices. The natural gas price increased by two percent on Monday at \$5.57/MMBtu up from Friday's to \$5.44/MMBtu.
- Congestion along Path 26 resulted in higher prices for SP15.

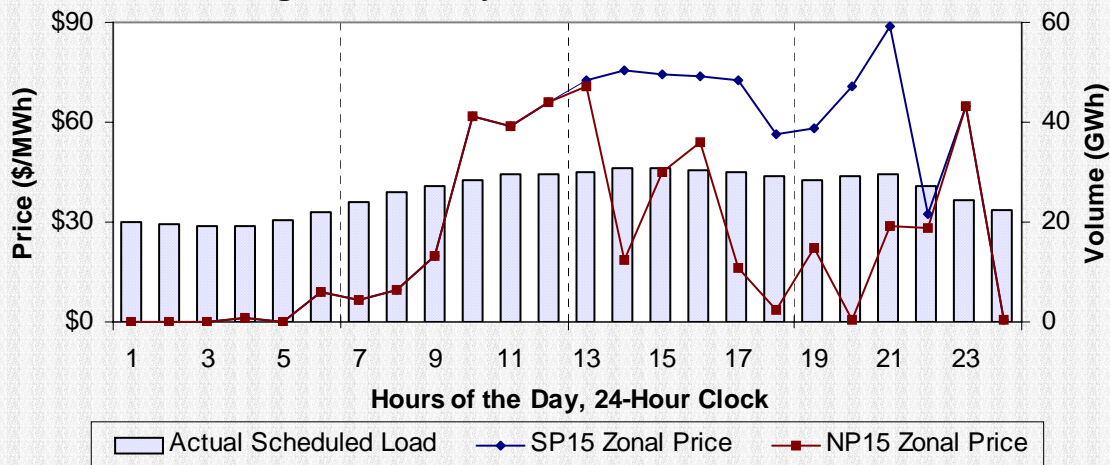
The total generation level for planned and unplanned outages were mixed on Monday. The unplanned generation outages increased by roughly 1,000 MW, however about 3,000 MW of planned generation came back on-line on Monday.

Continued congestion on Path 26 in the North-to-South direction resulted in zonal price split with higher SP15 prices that peaked under \$89/MWh at 9 p.m. The peak price for NP15 under \$65/MWh at 11 p.m. might be due to reduced resources toward the end of the day when generators are ramping down.

**Figure 1 - SP15 & NP15 7-Day Rolling Average Prices**



**Figure 2 - Hourly Zonal Price and Volume**





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Figure 3 - On-Peak Average Price by Market Area

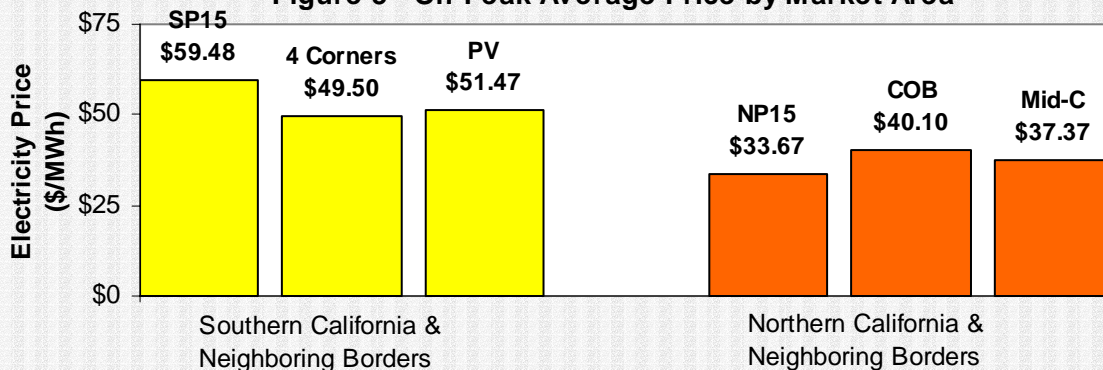


Figure 4 - Seven Day Snapshot of NP15 Zonal Price

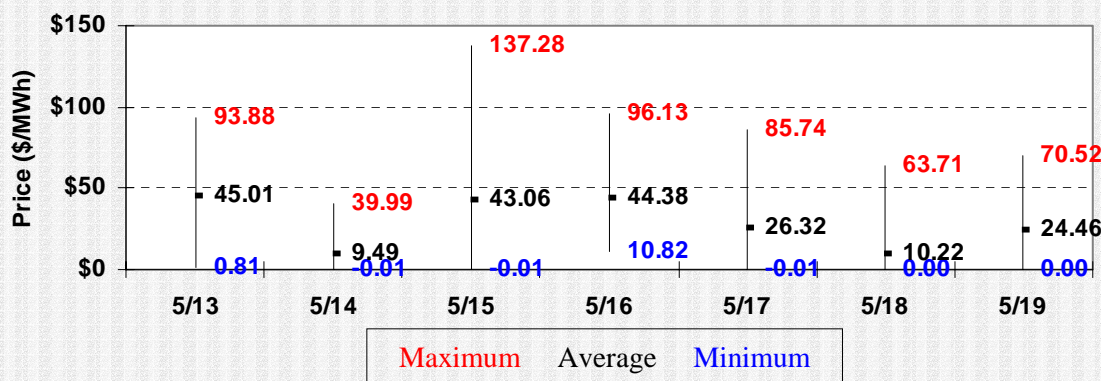


Figure 5 - Average Natural Gas Price

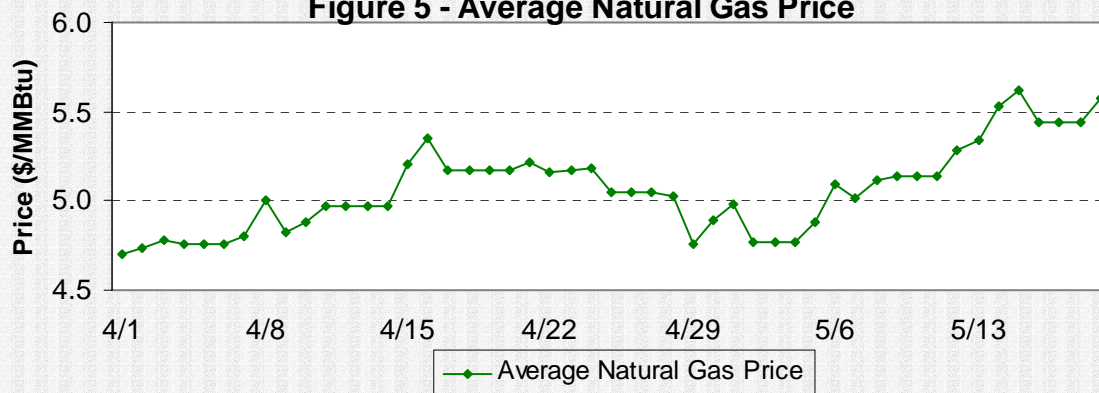


Figure 6 - Average Daily Zonal Price & Total Actual Load

